Offices Inspected by the Diwan.

255. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the names of offices personally inspected by the present Diwan;

(b) will a copy of the remarks made by him as a result of inspection of each office be placed on the Council table?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—(a) 1. Office of the Superintendent of Agriculture and Panchayats.

2. Office of the Director of Public Instruction.
3. Office of the Manager, Central Farm, Ollukara.
4. Office of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer.
5. Office of the Chief Engineer.

(b) Copies of the remarks are placed on the table. (*Appendix XVII*).

Expenditure—Roads.

256. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state what was the expenditure per mile of road in the several Municipalities of the State in 1105 and 1106 when the roads were under D. P. W.?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The average expenditure per mile on account of the maintenance of the Municipal roads while they were under P. W. D. was as shown below:—

	Rs.
Ernakulam	579
Mattancheri	423
Trichur	699
Chittur	576

Besides maintenance, P. W. D. had to attend to special renewals also in some of the roads due to their unsatisfactory condition and the expenditure on this account during the years 1105 and 1106 in the case of the different Municipalities was as noted below:—

	1105	1106
Ernakulam	..	1827
Mattancheri	..	2150
Trichur	6339	5303—2—8
Chittur	1050	2826

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Seeing that the expenditure for maintenance of roads in Ernakulam and Trichur has not much difference, may I know why the Government have been partial in giving grants to Chittur?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The grant is made on certain principles. The maintenance charge per mile of road

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APPENDIX XVIII (1).

(Vide answer to Question No. 255).

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIWAN OF COCHIN.

Development Department.

Order C. No. 2657/1106, dated 27th January 1932:

The inspection of the work in the Superintendent's Office discloses an unsatisfactory state of affairs. Details are contained in the notes attached. The chief cause of this seems to the Diwan to be inadequate supervision on the part of the Head clerk. He does not appear even to have examined the various registers in order to see that they are being properly maintained and that papers are not being unnecessarily delayed. Reminders are not issued with any system. Records which under the rules should have been destroyed years ago still cumber the record room which is unduly full in consequence. Sufficient care is not taken in the issue of papers from the record room and some files which are still shown as pending in the personal register could not be found.

There are only a few of the several outstanding irregularities disclosed by the inspection. The Superintendent of Agriculture and Panchayats should study the notes carefully and see that the various defects do not recur.

The Diwan would take an early opportunity of inspecting the works registers, etc., in the office.

(True extract)

(Sd).

Secretary to the Diwan.

To

The Superintendent of Agriculture and Panchayats.

APPENDIX XVII (2).

(Vide anemer to Question No. 255).

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIWAN OF COCHIN.

Development Department.

Read correspondence ending with letter, dated 11th April 1931, C. No. 10663/06 from the Director of Public Instruction.

Read also the Sarvadhikariakar's communication A. No. 1338/06, dated 14th April 1931.

Order Dis. No. 170/R/1106, dated 17th April 1931.

The Director brings to the notice of the Diwan that the staff sanctioned for his office in the Diwan's Proceedings passing orders on the report of the Special Finance Committee is insufficient. With a view to seeing the condition of the office, the Diwan inspected it on 30th March 1931. It is seen that the registers in the office have not been kept up-to-date, and that there has also been considerable delay in dealing with some papers. A copy of the inspection notes is herewith forwarded to the Director for information. The present Director is reorganising the office, and the irregularities adverted to will, the Diwan hopes, be avoided in future.

2. In view of the transfer of some of the work which is now being done by the Director to the Inspectors, the staff of the Director's Office will, for the present, be reduced by one typist and two clerks only, as against one typist and five clerks proposed in the orders on the Special Finance Committee's report. The question of reducing the staff by another clerk will be considered when the new office system under contemplation is introduced in the Director's Office.

3. Of the three posts which will thus be retained, one will be in the Rs. 40—60 grade and the remaining two in the 25—40 grade.

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